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LETTERS OF JAMES DAVIS, 1839-1843

FULTON COUNTY, INDIANA,

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Fulton County August the 15 - 1849

Dear father I send you these few lines to
let you know that we are in middling health
hopeing that they may find you all enjoying
a good health

We have had the ague this season good
deal of it the 19th of April and it stuck
with me till the 16th of July the rest of
the family has been well with the exception
of Sarah she has had the light burns
in the spring of the year

there has been more sickness here this season
than there was last only two deaths
we have had a very pleasant season here
there has been considerable of light rains
but none to hurt the crops but seriously
dust

wheat is good corn is promiseing
potatoes very fine
they are making iron at Rochester and
county seat of this county
Dollars is dull in this country silver specie
is scarcing fast

we would be glad to hear from you all
have heard from Ethan from good Ohio
to have returned safe and Sarah says
look for you back in the fall and
will be prepared with

I want you to write to me as soon as you
get this and let me know how you
get along and take notice more and more
I make my notes as we are talking
I want to know whether Sarah has got
or not

we got a letter from Mr Liberty in June
and would been glad to get one from
Allen Lewis and have not forgot to
your letters as before to Perrysburgh
Miami County Ohio

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Fulton Co April the 19th 1843

Dear father I once more take my pen in hand to inform you that we are all well at this time hopeing that these few lines may finde you all enjoying the same blesing

I got your letter a few days ago and was glad to hear that you was as well as you was and especially well pleased to hear that you enjoyed your self

We have had a hard winter it began the 5th of november and continued with that [illegible] variation till the second week in april feed of any description is swept clean the grubs is up so that cattle is beginning to live corn is midling scarce price 25 cts per bushel oats the same wheat 37½ is 44 cts per bushal and on the noise pork & heavy was one dollar and fifty cts cash

I sold 12 hundred lbs of pork for 16 dollars and fifty cts I hauled wheat last fall to Michiglum city and got sixty four cts per bushel and yet salt for one dollar per barrel

we expect our business done on our canal this season which will bring us a little cash on article we greatly need

I am going to build us a house this summer I have got the timber and lumber most all ready

I want you to encourage the idea of seeing our country and bring John with you we schall look for you after consulting ing no more at present so fare you well

To John Davis and Rebecca

James Davis and Elizabeth

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